



Our ref: WQ 83305

Darren Millar MS
By email: Darren.millar@senedd.cymru

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Dear Darren

I write to update and clarify my response to WQ 83305 where you asked 'How many Afghan refugees have been rehomed in Wales since the beginning of August 2021?'

The UK Government is yet to provide details about when the operation of the Afghan Citizen Resettlement Scheme will begin and who will be eligible. We have urged clarity on these points from the UK Government and will continue to do so.

Wales is supporting Afghan nationals under the Afghan Relocation and Assistance Policy, who do not strictly qualify as refugees but may have been persecuted by the Taliban if they had stayed in Afghanistan due to the direct support they provided to our Armed Forces in Afghanistan. So far, approximately 230 individuals have been resettled into Wales under this scheme.

I published a written statement to update Members about the scheme on 9 September: <https://gov.wales/written-statement-resettling-afghan-citizens-wales> and will make a further statement to the Senedd next week. I am copying this letter to the Table Office.

Yours,

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